

Public Hearing: March 25, 2002

## **F A C T   S H E E T**

**TITLE:** Proposed Resolution to adjust  
Water User Fees & Service Charges

**SPONSOR:** Public Works/Utilities

**OPPONENTS:** Unknown

**OTHER DEPARTMENTS AFFECTED:**

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** For

**APPLICANT:** Public Works/Utilities

**REASON FOR LEGISLATION:** To establish a revised schedule for water user fees and service charges. This new schedule is estimated to generate similar revenue as received now for the Lincoln Water System for purposes of covering the operating costs of the Lincoln Water System, to finance Capital Improvements as outlined in the Six-Year capital Improvements Program, and to help build an adequate base for the future bond issues to finance future Capital Improvements identified in the Six-Year Capital Improvements Program.

## **D I S C U S S I O N**

The Public Works/Utilities Department is recommending that the sewer fees and service charges be revised based on recommendations from the User Fee Task Force as a followup to a number of multi-dwelling unit owners concern of service charge inequities as they relate to multi-dwelling units.

The proposed changes increases the monthly service charges to be more in line with what the actual service charges costs are. The monthly service charge per dwelling unit of a multi-dwelling unit complex is reduced by the costs of reading the water meter, billing & collection to reflect there is one water meter serving the entire complex. To remain revenue neutral, the usage fees were decreased for all customers.

A change was made to the fee schedule of the High User customers (currently of which there are six) to encourage wise management of water usage. A tier fee is being recommended for this schedule.

**POLICY OR PROGRAM CHANGE:** No

**COST OF TOTAL PROJECT:**

**SOURCE OF FUNDS:**

**CITY:**

**NON CITY:**

**BENEFIT COST:**

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